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SUBJECT: LIBYAN PASSPORT PROBLEM

1. FRANK PRAMUK, ESSO MID-EAST, NEW YORK, TELEPHONED DEPT
JULY 25 TO GIVE LATEST INFORMATION ON HIS COMPANY'S EXPER-
IENCE WITH LIBYAN VISA AND ENTRY PROBLEMS.

2. ESSO HAS BEEN SEEKING VISAS FROM LIBYAN EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON FOR THREE NEW HIRES, TWO AMERICAN AND ONE
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CANADIAN. LIBYAN EMBASSY HAS STATED EMPLOYEES CAN BE

GIVEN VISAS, BUT DEPENDENTS MUST WAIT UNTIL EMPLOYEES HAVE ESTABLISHED RESIDENCE IN LIBYA. LIBYAN EMBASSY HAS REPEATEDLY DENIED RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS REPORTED IN TRIPOLI 938. ACCORDING TO PRAMUK, AMOSEAS AND MOBIL HAVE HAD SAME EXPERIENCE.

3. IN ADDITION, PRAMUK REPORTED THAT ON JULY 24 TWO COLLEGE AGE CHILDREN OF ESSO EMPLOYEE, ED BRODERICK, MANAGER, TECHNICAL AND CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT, MARSA BREGA, WHO ARRIVED TRIPOLI FROM ROME, WERE DENIED ENTRY AT AIRPORT. BOTH BRODERICK CHILDREN REPORTEDLY HAD VALID LIBYAN ENTRY AND RESIDENCE VISAS. ESSO REPS WERE INFORMED BY TRIPOLI IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED NEW INSTRUCTION TO "CLAMP DOWN" ON DEPENDENTS WHOSE PASSPORTS DID NOT INCLUDE ARABIC. ESSO LIBYA IS CONTACTING EMBASSY WITH FURTHER DETAILS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE TRIPOLI'S LATEST INFO ON EFFECTS OF LIBYAN PASSPORT POLICY ON A) AMERICAN TRAVELERS AND B) NATIONALS OF COUNTRIES THAT HAD AGREED TO PUT SOME FORM OF ARABIC STAMP IN THEIR PASSPORTS. DEPT HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL COMPLAINTS FROM AMERICAN COMPANIES THIS WEEK THAT USG POLICY WITH RESPECT TO LANGUAGE PROBLEM WORKING UNDUE HARDSHIP ON THEIR EMPLOYEES AND ADVERSELY AFFECTING THEIR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS. IN EACH CASE WE ARE RESPONDING THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF HARDSHIP EITHER TO INDIVIDUALS OR COMPANIES. ROGERS

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